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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,020,000 head as of February 1, 2009. The latest inventory was 2 percent above January 1, 2009 but down 6 percent from the 1,090,000 on feed on February 1, 2008. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 170,000 head of fed cattle during January 2009. This was 10 percent above December 2008 marketings of 155,000 head but 8 percent below the marketings one year ago. An estimated 200,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during January, 33 percent above a year ago and 11 percent above December 2008 placements of 180,000. Of the number placed in January, 10 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 28 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 28 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 35 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for January at 10,000 head, was 5,000 head higher than last month and last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on February 1, 2009. The inventory was 6 percent below February 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.86 million head, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 553,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.74 million, 6 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketing for the month of January since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during January, 12 percent above 2008.